

siderable culture and great industry. For many years he had a large share of the confidence of the public as a practitioner, and, until the time of his death, his name was a household word amongst all nationalities in this city."

## XVI.

## THE ORGANIZATION OF THE MONTREAL MEDICAL INSTITUTION.

## MINUTES OF THE MONTREAL MEDICAL INSTITUTION.

J. STEPHENSON, M.D., Secretary.

Montreal, 20th October, 1823.

At a meeting of the Medical Officers of the Montreal General Hospital, viz.: Mr. Robertson, Wm. Caldwell, A. F. Holmes, John Stephenson and H. P. Loedel, held for the purpose of taking into consideration the expediency of establishing a medical school in this city.

IT WAS UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED THAT the considerations which seemed to warrant an endeavour to promote such a desirable object should be drawn out and laid before the next meeting of the Board, to be held on the 27th inst., and that Drs. Stephenson and Holmes be appointed a committee for the same purpose.

Montreal, 27th October, 1823.

At a meeting of the Medical Officers of the Montreal General Hospital held this day, Present:— Wm. Robertson, Wm. Caldwell, A. F. Holmes, J. Stephenson and H. P. Loedel, Drs. Stephenson and Holmes laid before the meeting the following, which was approved of, viz.:—

"The medical officers appointed by the President and Directors of the Montreal General Hospital, having seen the great difficulties which the student of medicine in this country has to encounter before he acquires a competent knowledge of his profession: knowing the great inconvenience resulting to many from the necessity at present existing of spending several years in a foreign country to complete a regular medical education; and being convinced of the advantages which would result from the establishment of a medical school in this country, have met to consider of the possibility of founding such an institution in this city.

"After due deliberation they conceive that the following considerations warrant an endeavour to promote so desirable an object:—

1st. There can be but one opinion concerning the utility and necessity of a school of medicine in this Province, seeing that the condition of medicine in many parts sufficiently attests the want of opportunities of a medical institution, such an institution will tend very much to remove this growing evil by the facility it will afford of acquiring medical knowledge.

2nd. There can be little doubt that students from different parts of this Province as well as from Upper Canada, and probably from the adjoining states, would be eager to profit by the opportunities thus afforded of acquiring a sound medical education. Those who might not intend to pursue their studies at a foreign university would be enabled to obtain an adequate knowledge of all the useful branches of medicine, while those who, after